

December 14, 2025

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Thursdays, 11:00 am—1:00 pm

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Pastor Ed Backell

Pastor Ed's Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Welcome: We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! If you are here for the first time, please complete the yellow “Welcome/Prayer Request Card” (in the back of the pew) for more information about our church. Also, if you regularly attend and have changes to your contact information, you can make updates on the card. Cards can be placed in the basket on the round table in the Narthex or hand it to an usher or the Worship Assistant when you leave.

Our Mission: To proclaim the Good News of God’s Saving Grace and to minister to our community through our relationship with God.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion is observed every Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We believe the sacrament of Holy Communion is a visible way--such as bread and wine--for God to give to us His grace and love. At the Lord’s Supper we remember the meal that Christ shared with His disciples the night before He died. We also believe that Christ is truly present with us through this meal. The bread and wine are the spiritual food needed for our life’s journey. ***All who believe that Christ is present are welcome at the Lord’s table.*** The ushers will guide you to the altar.

Assistive Hearing Devices Available: Located on the table on the left as you enter the Narthex. The receiver can be turned on by rotating the volume control on the top. There are unused “Ear buds” located with the receivers that can be used and taken home for reuse. ***See Jack Tiley for assistance.***

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request and would like your request emailed to our congregation so that we can pray for you, write your request on the yellow “Welcome/Prayer Request Card” (in the back of the pew). Cards can be placed in the basket on the round table in the Narthex or hand it to an usher or the Worship Assistant when you leave. You can also contact the HTLC office by phone or email to submit your prayer request.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:
George Simon

Vice President:
LaLita Tadena

Secretary:
Sandy Hoveskeland

Treasurer:
Vicki Egesdal

Members @ Large: Diane Fried, Denel Ingraham, Charlie May, Pat Woods, Nancy Purcell

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3rd Sunday of Advent—Joy

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship: *"Prepare Our Hearts to Worship You"* **Screen**

Lighting of the Advent Candle *"Joy"* **Tom & Nancy Purcell**

Confession of Sin

Absolution

(Forgiveness of sins)

Prayer of the Day

Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **Screen (Green #315)**

First Reading: *Joshua 23:6-11* **Pew Bible Page 230**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:1-11* **Pew Bible Page 1186**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:23-38* **Pew Bible Page 1016**

Sermon: *"It's Time to Receive It—God Prepares His Prize"* **Pastor Ed Backell**

Hymn: *"Near to the Heart of God"* **Screen**

Nicene Creed

(Confession of our Christian faith)

Prayers of Intercession

(Prayers for our world, community, family & friends)

Sharing of God's Peace

(With our fellow worshipers)

Offering

(Returning God's gifts to further His work)

Choir Anthem: *"Joy! Medley"* **HTLC Choir**

Offering Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

All who believe that Christ is present are welcome at the Lord's table.

The ushers will guide you to the altar.

Communion Blessing

(After receiving communion)

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: *"Ancient Words"* **Screen**

Benediction

Announcements

Sending

RightNow Media (RNM):

RightNow Media is a powerful and inspiring resource that we're confident you will love. Everyone in our congregation can access free biblical videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances, and much more. ***Use this QR Code: scan with your phone camera, to access our registration page for easy sign-up.***



RightNow Media (RNM) Video of the Month: "Advent"

This month's video focuses on Advent. We encourage you to watch this ***four-session series called, "Advent"*** that takes a deeper look at Jesus. If you need help accessing RightNow Media, email or call the church office.

10th Annual Neighborhood Holiday Food Drive: Bag Pick-up and Christmas Caroling

Please join us ***TODAY at 1:00 pm***. We will be picking up the food drive bags and Christmas caroling. Meet at HTLC @ 1:00 pm. Hot chocolate, and pizza will be served once we are done.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting:

The next Worship & Music Committee Meeting is ***Thursday, December 18, at 1:30 pm*** in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

Please join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on ***Wednesday, December 24 @ 6:30 pm***. Bring family and friends.

Three Days of Prayer:

Our Sanctuary will be open ***Monday, January 5,—Wednesday, January 7, from 9:00 am—5:00 pm***. Bring a family member or friend and pray together or come by yourself and have someone pray with you. There will be prayer guides (from LCMC) available to help you get started.

Union Gospel Mission (UGM) Men's Shelter:

Please join us as we serve lunch to the men at the UGM Men's Shelter the second Thursday of each month. Next date is ***Thursday, January 8, from 11:15 am—1:00 pm***. Carpool from HTLC at 10:40 am.

Council Meeting:

The next Council Meeting is ***Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall***.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Join us ***Wednesdays at 10:00 am*** in the West Classroom. Nancy Purcell is leading us through Genesis.

Craft Club:

The Craft Club is on break until the Spring.

Choir Practice:

We would love to have new voices join us on ***Thursdays at 7:00 pm*** in the HTLC Sanctuary.

Friday Morning Breakfast & Bible Study:

Come and have a delicious (and free) breakfast with us ***Friday mornings at 7:30 am***. We meet for breakfast, Bible study, and fellowship. We are discussing subjects available from "Right Now Ministry".

Partners INW (Food Bank):

- **Donations this month:** *Let's focus on boxed desserts: brownies, cupcakes, muffins, cake mix, frosting, etc.*
- **2025 total donations = 606 lbs.** Contact Drew Taes for more information: drew.taes@gmail.com

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TODAY, 12/14	9:30 am—10:15 am 10:30 am—11:30 am 10:00 am—11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Sunday School—Fellowship Hall Worship Service, with Communion (fellowship after) AA-SMG (Sunday Morning Group)—Large AA Room Annual Holiday Food Drive Bag Pick-up & Christmas Caroling NA Committee Meeting—Large AA Room AA-SRG (Sullivan Road Group)—Large AA Room
Monday, 12/15	9:00 am—5:00 pm 12:00 pm—1:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 5:30 pm—7:30 pm 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Pastor Ed's Office Hours AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room TOPS ("Weigh-in" Meetings)—Fellowship Hall NA-MNM (Monday Night Miracles)—Large AA Room
Tuesday, 12/16	9:00 am—5:00 pm 12:00 pm—1:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Pastor Ed's Office Hours AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room NA-B2B (Back to Basic Group)—Large AA Room
Wednesday, 12/17	9:00 am—5:00 pm 10:00 am—11:30 am 12:00 pm—1:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Pastor Ed's Office Hours Bible Study—West Classroom AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room NA-WNW (Wednesday Night Wecovery)—Large AA Room
Thursday, 12/18	9:00 am—5:00 pm 11:00 am—1:00 pm 11:15 am—1:00 pm 12:00 pm—1:00 pm 1:30 pm—3:30 pm 4:00 pm—6:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Pastor Ed's Office Hours Tracy's Office Hours Serving lunch at UGM Men's Shelter—leave HTLC 10:40 am AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall Worship & Music Committee Meeting— Fellowship Hall INW Jr. Fiddlers—Fellowship Hall AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room Choir Practice—Sanctuary
Friday, 12/19	7:30 am—9:00 am 12:00 pm—1:00 pm 5:30 pm—6:30 pm 6:30 pm—7:30 pm	Breakfast & Bible Study—Fellowship Hall AA-VNG (Valley Noon Group)—Fellowship Hall AA-HHG (Happy Hour Group)—Large AA Room NA-BSG (Book Study Group) — Large AA Room
Saturday, 12/20	8:00 am—9:00 am 10:00 am—11:00 am 8:00 pm—9:00 pm	AA-MWU (Men's Wake Up)—Large AA Room AA-SMM (Saturday Morning Miracles)—Large AA Room AA-SNM (Saturday Night Miracles)—Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 12/21	9:30 am—10:15 am 10:30 am—11:30 am 10:00 am—11:00 am 7:00 pm—8:00 pm	Sunday School—Fellowship Hall Worship Service, with Communion (fellowship after) AA-SMG (Sunday Morning Group)—Large AA Room AA-SRG (Sullivan Road Group)—Large AA Room

SHARING IN MINISTRY

Ministers:	<i>The People of Holy Trinity</i>	Fellowship:	<i>Rich & Jan Weatherly</i>
Pastor:	<i>Ed Backell</i>	Communion Assistant:	<i>LaLita Tadena</i>
Assisting:	<i>Nancy Purcell</i>	Communion Bread:	<i>Caren Woods</i>
Piano/Organ:	<i>Judy Ingraham</i>	Acolyte:	
Ushers/Greeters:	<i>Brent & Vicki Egesdal</i>	Basket Holder:	
Flowers:	<i>Donated Poinsettias</i>	Altar Guild:	<i>Squeaky May</i>
Lector:		PowerPoint:	<i>LaLita Tadena</i>